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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Heather M. Hudson et al.

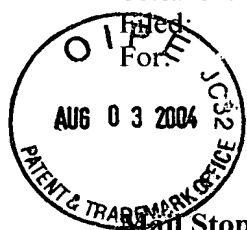
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For: **THERMAL AND pH STABLE PROTEIN THICKENING AGENT AND
METHOD OF MAKING THE SAME**



Date: July 30, 2004

**Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED 23 FEBRUARY 2004

Sir:

Applicants provide the following response to the Office Action (the Action) of February 23, 2004.

If any extension of time for the accompanying response or submission is required, Applicant requests that this be considered a petition therefor. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee, which may be required, or credit any refund, to our Deposit Account No. 50-0220.

Amendments to Claims 45, 47, and 49 and Proffering of Claims 50–56 is reflected in the Listing of the Claims, which begins on page 2 below.

Remarks begin on page 4 below.